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Claims 1-21 are cancelled.

22. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a plurality of specimen collection containers defining a fluid flow path,
intermediate ones of said plurality of specimen containers each having an inlet and an
outlet, wherein at least one of said plurality of specimen containers has
chromatographic bed material for capturing at least one analyte.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein a first of said intermediate containers has
a filter disposed between its inlet and its outlet.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein one of said specimen collection
containers is a specimen cup, wherein said specimen cup is in fluid communication with
the inlet of said first of said intermediate containers, wherein the outlet of said first of
said intermediate containers is in fluid communication with the inlet of a second of said
intermediate containers, and wherein the outlet of said second of said intermediate
containers is in fluid communication with a pump.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the pump is a syringe.

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26. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the container having chromatographic bed material is one of said intermediate containers, and wherein said chromatographic bed material can pass freely through the outlet of said intermediate container.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said container having chromatographic bed material includes a filter, wherein the filter of said container having chromatographic bed material is positioned at the inlet of said container having chromatographic bed material, and wherein said filter prevents said chromatographic bed material from passing through the inlet of said container having said chromatographic bed material.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said chromatographic bed material is a plurality of beads.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein one of said specimen collection containers is a pump, and wherein said pump is in fluid communication with the outlet of a final of said intermediate containers.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein said pump is a syringe.

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31. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a plurality of specimen collection containers defining a fluid flow path,
intermediate containers of said plurality of specimen containers each having an inlet
and an outlet; wherein at least one of said plurality of specimen containers has a filter
for capturing cells, and wherein said plurality of specimen containers includes a pump
which is in fluid communication with the outlet of a final of said intermediate containers.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein one of said specimen collection
containers is a specimen cup, wherein said specimen cup is in fluid communication with
the inlet of a first of said intermediate containers, wherein the outlet of said first of said
intermediate containers is in fluid communication with the inlet of said final of said
intermediate containers.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the pump is a syringe.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the at least one of said specimen
containers having a filter for capturing cells is the first of said intermediate containers.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, further comprising:

a slide, wherein the filter of said at least one of said specimen containers having
a filter for capturing cells can be removed from said at least one of said specimen
containers having a filter and positioned on the slide.

36. (New) The apparatus of claim 32, further comprising:

a lid removably secured to said specimen cup; and

a luer lock, wherein said first of said intermediate containers is affixed to the lid,

wherein the outlet of said first of said intermediate containers is connected to the inlet of the final of said intermediate containers by said luer lock.

37. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a first housing having a first inlet and a first outlet, said first housing defining a first portion of a fluid flow path and having a filter disposed between the first inlet and the first outlet; and

a second housing having a second inlet and a second outlet, said second housing defining a second portion of the fluid path and having chromatographic bed material disposed between the second inlet and the second outlet.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising:

a specimen cup in fluid communication with the first inlet.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the specimen cup includes a lid from which the first housing extends into the specimen cup, and wherein said first housing has at least two perforations at different longitudinal points along its length.

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40. (New) The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the specimen cup is removable from the apparatus.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising:

a pump in fluid communication with the second outlet.

42. (New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the pump is a syringe.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising:

a filter,

wherein the chromatographic bed material is a plurality of beads, wherein the plurality of beads are capable of capturing at least one analyte, and wherein the filter prevents the plurality of beads from passing through the inlet of said second housing.